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Subject: RE: Region 10 - Flash Message - Abandoned building Fire
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 11:32:42 AM
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If you need any assistance on this today, this weekend, or next week I am available for office or field-based support.

Thanks for sending the IMAAC Bonnie!

From: Nattis, Randy <Nattis.Randy@epa.gov>
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Flash Message: Region 10 – Abandoned building Fire

Report as of: 2100, 20 July 2023

Overview: On July 20, 2023, EPA received notification from Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) about an abandoned warehouse fire that potentially released asbestos building material over the adjacent neighborhood. The fire occurred July 19, 2023 and shortly after public concern was raised about the potential for the debris being found in the neighborhood to contain asbestos. The Portland Parks and Recreation Bureau responded to reports of debris in the local park and tested the material which came back positive for asbestos. As a result, a Joint information Center (JIC) has been stood up to include ODEQ,

Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM), Multnomah County health services, Oregon Health Authority, the Portland school district, and Portland Public Schools to put out messaging to the community about the release. ODEQ is attempting to contact the building's owner to conduct the cleanup response.

State, Local and other Federal Agency Actions: ODEQ and PBEM have entered into Unified Command to responded to this incident. They will be conducting an initial area reconnaissance Friday morning and collecting additional samples from burned building and surrounding area.

EPA Actions: This incident is in EPA jurisdiction. Currently, OSCs Bonnie Criss and Richard Franklin are providing technical and IMACC modelling support and coordinating with the Unified Command and assisting agencies. A call is set for Friday morning to discuss the findings of the initial reconnaissance and if EPA involvement is needed. EPA is prepared to join Unified command to provide additional resources for assessments and any potential cleanup activities if necessary. According to the EJ Screen, there are potential EJ concerns in the proximity to the incident location.

Media Interest: Medium

<https://www.kgw.com/article/news/local/fire-former-k-mart/283-f2344af8-adc5-4ccb-b568-fb20f059d365>

<https://www.koin.com/news/portland/crews-battle-heavy-blaze-in-old-ne-portland-kmart-building/>

<https://www.oregonlive.com/portland/2023/07/large-fire-destroys-former-kmart-building-in-northeast-portland-firefighters-on-scene.html>

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